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## ***HOW TO USE POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORT PLANS: AN OVERVIEW FOR CAREGIVERS AND CASE MANAGERS***

**\*\*\*For Case Managers, Direct Support Staff and Family Caregivers\*\*\***

**Presented by Joan Beasley, Ph.D.**

**June 15, 2009**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

**University of Connecticut Heath Center  
263 Farmington Avenue  
Farmington, CT**

### **Session Overview**

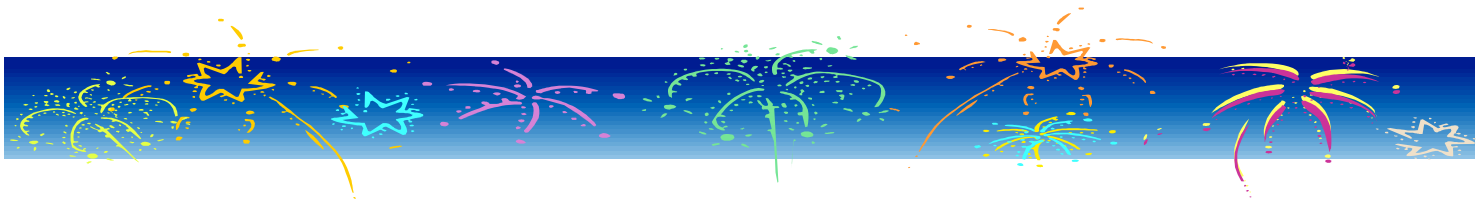
Positive behavior support planning is important for the people we serve. It offers providers the opportunity to work together in collaboration with the use of a common language and consistent methods to support individuals in need. This training is designed to provide caregivers, family members and case managers a basic knowledge of positive behavior support plans in order to follow them, use them effectively, assess their accuracy, and assist in behavior plan development as part of a support team.

***PLEASE NOTE: This presentation will be a webcast and there will be filming of both presenter and audience.***

### **Objectives**

The participant will learn:

1. The essential aspects of an effective positive behavior support strategy.
2. How data is used to assess progress and improve planning
3. To incorporate skills and strengths along with support needs in the planning process
4. How the “positive” is incorporated into the planning and implementation process.



## About the Presenter

Dr. Joan Beasley has worked both nationally and internationally to promote the development of effective services for people with disabilities and their families for more than 30 years. In doing so, she has assisted in the development and implementation of program models and services in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Ohio, Minnesota, Texas, North Carolina, Tennessee, California, Rhode Island, Maine, New York, Pennsylvania, and in parts of Canada. From 2000-2006, Dr. Beasley assisted in the monitoring of service development statewide in the State of Washington on behalf of individuals with co-occurring disorders.

Dr. Beasley co-founded and directed the START/ Sovner Center program from 1989 until 2000. In 2001, the program was identified in the US Surgeon General's report as a national model. She currently serves as the Director for START Services at the University of New Hampshire Institute on Disability. The Center is dedicated to the development, implementation and assessment of services to individuals with developmental/intellectual disabilities and behavioral health care needs.

Dr. Beasley has worked for almost 10 years for the Commissioner's office as a consultant to both the Connecticut Department of Developmental Services and for four years to the Office of the Medical Director at the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. Current projects also include statewide development and implementation of NC START in North Carolina and two pilot projects being developed in Butler and Hamilton Counties in Ohio for children and adolescents. Most recently, Dr. Beasley has begun work on the development of systemic crisis and respite services in the state of Missouri.

Dr. Beasley served on the Board of Directors of NADD from 2000-2006, and as Chair of the NADD U.S. Public Policy Committee from 2002-2008. Since 2003, Dr. Beasley has been the editor of "The US Public Policy Update" an ongoing contribution to the NADD Bulletin. In 2006, Dr. Beasley was appointed to the National Advisory Board of NADD. Dr. Beasley has written numerous articles and book chapters, and was a contributing editor to the journal [The Mental Health Aspects of Developmental Disabilities](#)

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## Registration Information

**Pre-registration is required. Please complete the attached registration form.**

**Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. A shuttle will be provided from the parking lot to the entrance of the UConn Health Center. Please plan to be in the parking lot no later than **9:45 a.m.****

***Unfortunately refreshments will not be provided,  
please feel free to bring your own.***